

## EDITORIALS

2B THE FARMINGTON ENTERPRISE

February 14, 1963

## In Unity There Is Real Strength

A spirit of cooperation and working together has been and still is needed in Farmington if we are ever going to reach our full potential as a strong and independent community with its own individual identity.

Over the years a splintering away into groups and by areas has been taking place in the community in all types of activities, and it has hurt us badly in remaining a unified community.

Farmington now has, we would estimate, as many as 40 or 50 different clubs and organizations all going their own meager way on their own little programs and projects. There is nothing wrong with a community as large and growing as Farmington in having this many different groups but it is wrong when they can never get together to show a unity of purpose on anything which is for the common good of the whole community.

In commerce we are also splintered badly with four or five centers of commercial activity all going it alone in the big effort of trying to keep at least a fair share of the local buyers' dollars spent locally. Far too much money is being spent outside the community because of the fact that none of these commercial centers by themselves have enough strength or time to put forth a concerted effort and program to change this trend.

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## Facts That Deserve Serious Concern

Juvenile delinquency and the juvenile crime rate in Farmington is continuing to mount. Reports from the city and township police departments for 1962 substantiate this.

In fact, the biggest single increase in city police activities for 1962 over 1961 was in the area of complaints against juveniles which were investigated. The 1962 report revealed that they had investigated 293 juvenile complaints.

Malicious destruction of property cases in which juveniles are often involved were also up substantially in the city.

The number of juvenile complaints investigated by the township police were also up. Steady increases in this area of complaints in the township have been reported during the past few years. There were a total of 310 cases of malicious destruction of property and vandalism investigated in 1962 and it is reasonable to assume that most involved younger boys and girls. Also handled were 55 stolen bike cases.

Based on our present population, these may not be considered alarming

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figures but the fact that the number of incidents involving juveniles is continuing to rise should prompt some serious concern.

Many will rationalize and say that these are not local youth but rowdies coming here from outside areas. Some of them are, but many are not.

Other than social activities conducted through the schools, we are doing little to provide the youth of our community with things to do and places to go in their leisure hours. Even the summer baseball programs do not include schedules for boys in the older teenage years. For girls there is absolutely nothing being offered other than school connected social activities they can take part in during their leisure hours.

Authorities have proven time and again that when youth are given enough to do to fully occupy their leisure time the juvenile crime rate decreases greatly.

Shouldn't we be doing more for our youth than what we presently are?

## Don't Be Too Busy—It's Really Important

What are your plans for this coming Monday, Feb. 18? If you are a resident of the township, there is one thing that you should definitely have on your calendar of things to do and that is to get to the polls sometime during the day or evening.

Some very important decisions are going to have to be made in the township in the next two years and they are decisions that will have a substantial effect on each and every township resident. The men and women we have running our township government will have to make these decisions and it is important that we have the best we can get!

This is only a primary election when party candidates for the various offices are nominated, it is true. But, if the voting pattern in elections of the recent

past is followed it is very likely that the Republican candidates nominated Feb. 18 will be the ones elected to the various offices on April 1.

We have repeatedly urged that electors deviate from party lines when selecting local candidates and vote for the man himself whom they feel will do the best job. In the past, at least, however, voters have not generally followed this advice.

On the basis of past election records we therefore feel that it is going to be very important to all township citizens that the best men are selected in the primary election on Monday.

You make the decisions on the men and women whom you feel can do the best job. We are not endorsing any candidates. But, do go to the polls and vote.

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## Looking Back in the Files

15 Years Ago  
FEBRUARY 12, 1948

The Weather

About the biggest news in Farmington this week is the being of a cold, wet, and ugly. Every Township official heading into this board this week a report one talks about the weather. The most interesting, about annual Spring Primary Election. That might be true for some folks, but in Farmington Township voted for the purpose of nominating various candidates for local offices.

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Must Pay for Gym

The waiving of charges for the use of the Farmington High School's physical fitness classes by Our Lady of Sorrows were denied by the Farmington School District Board of Education this week. The parents of the students who had stolen the car in Grand Rapids and were first pursued by Detroit Police after they were detected speeding west on Grand River near Lakeshore. They are being questioned in connection with several burglaries charged accordingly.

10 Years Ago  
FEBRUARY 12, 1953

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5 Years Ago  
FEBRUARY 12, 1958

League of Subdivision Associations

The Farmington Township League of Subdivision Associations held its annual meeting this week. The various problems which have been considered by their organization over the past several months concerning industrial zoning and other issues raised.

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Porter Bourne  
To Interview  
Space Expert

Lt. Colonel John A. "Shorty" Powers, whose career has become familiar to millions of the ground control coordinator of our space shots from Cape Canaveral, will be heard this week on WXYZ Radio's "Space Age '63" program.

WXYZ Radio newsman Porter Bourne, the program's narrator, interviewed Colonel Powers, who was in Detroit to speak at the Boy Scout Council Scouters' Annual "Policlinic" Dinner.

"THE NATION NEEDS to put forth greater effort to raise the scientific literacy of the adult and young people so that they can understand what the country is attempting in space," Powers told Bourne.

Powers, who is the program's sponsor, Reynolds Metals, for contributing to the average citizen's scientific knowledge, was presented with the "Space Age '63" series.

Speaking of the space program, Powers said that the first American space flight with Astronaut Gordon Cooper in the capsule will stay in space 34 hours and try for 22 orbits. "We expect the power will sheet up there," he said.

Colonel Powers also dis-

MICHIGAN'S  
PROPOSED NEW CONSTITUTIONTo Keep State's Public Funds  
Under Past Broad Protection

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The present broad state tax powers and protections of public funds are continued with little change in the new constitution.

These include the statement that the power of taxation shall never be surrendered, suspended, or contracted away; that no evidence of state indebtedness shall be issued except in accordance with the constitution; and that the credit of the state shall not be granted to

or in aid of any person, association, or corporation.

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The state's money may be deposited only in state or national banks; and that the treasury except according to appropriations.

Bond Students  
Hear Lecture  
By Naturalist

Richard A. Morello, naturalist for the Huron-Clinton Metropolitan Authority, will be the guest speaker at Bond Elementary School in Farmington today, February 14.

Students will hear a lecture entitled "Michigan Rocks and Soils". The appointment was requested by Richard W. Goodman, principal of the school.

The Authority is a five-county park and parkway agency serving Wayne, Oakland, Macomb, and Washtenaw, and Wayne counties. One of its key attractions is the Nature Center at Kensington Metropolitan Park near Milford. Two other parks of the Authority include Metropolitan Beach on Lake St. Clair near Mt. Clemens and Lower Huron Metropolitan Park near Belleville.

Michigan State University President Dr. John A. Hannah shower is a deep troublemaker, will confer with government officials and officers of the University of Nigeria at Nsukka, Nigeria, this month.

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